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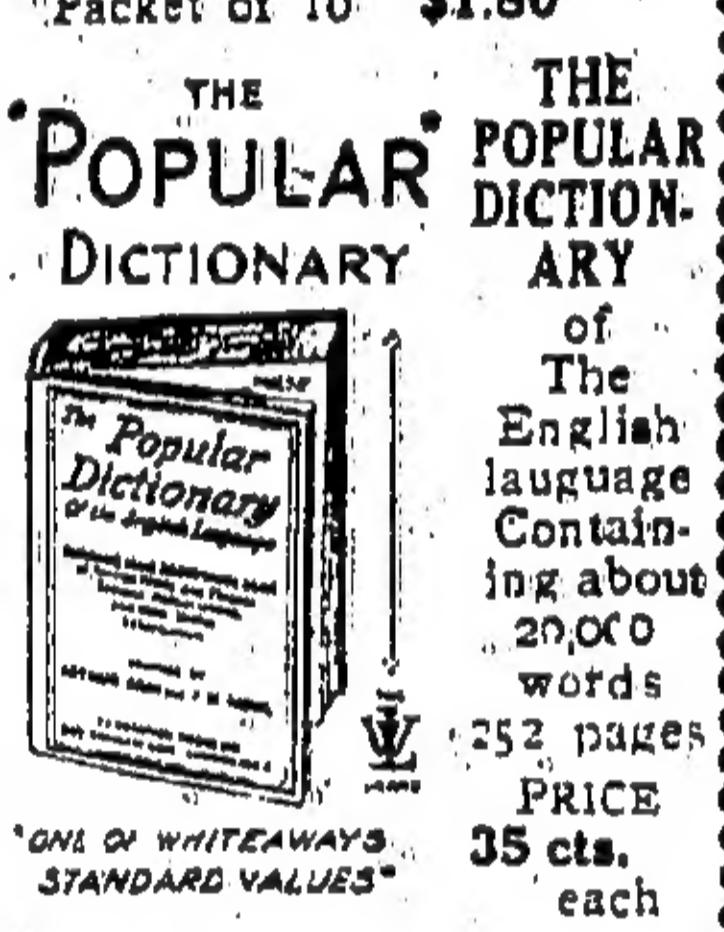


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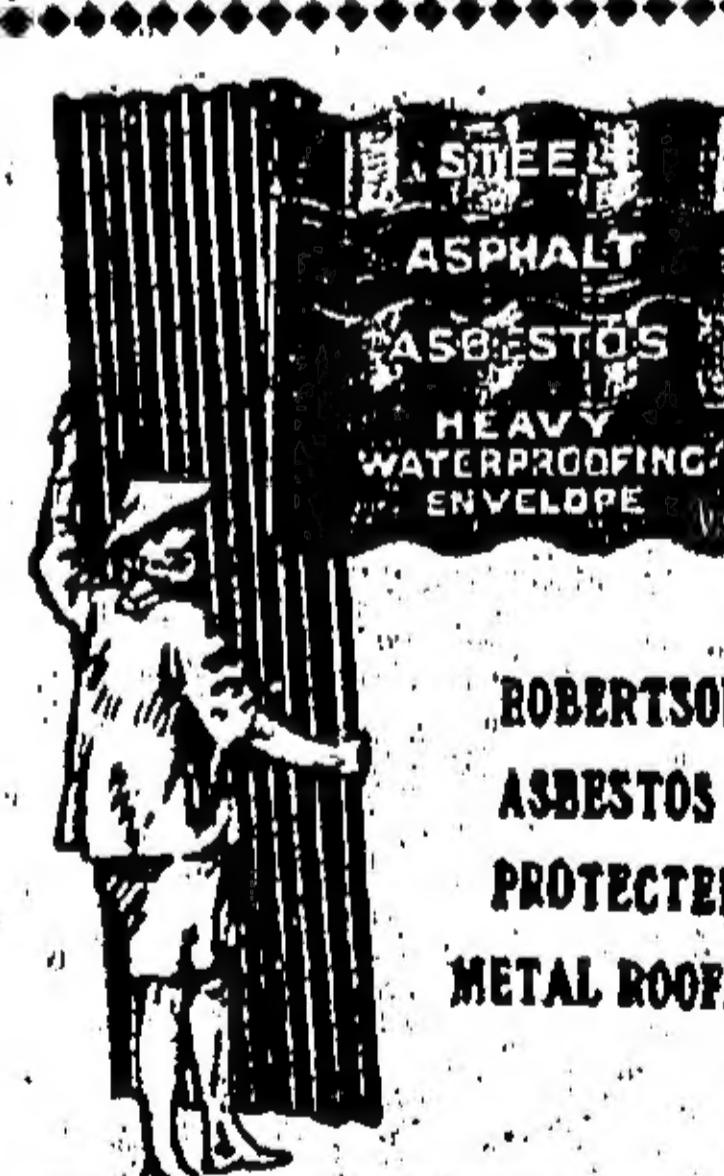


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ACTION.

HIS LORDSHIP'S THREAT.

FURTHER AATHERLEY CASE  
EVIDENCE.

There was a dramatic inter-  
ruption as this morning's hearing  
of Criminal Sessions proceedings  
against Mr. James Edward  
Atherley drew to its conclusion.

The compradore of Getz Bros.  
Co. (of the Orient) Ltd., was  
giving evidence with regard to  
the charges of fraudulent con-  
version against Mr. Atherley, the  
former manager, when he caught  
the eye of someone in the court  
and appeared to hesitate.

"My Lord," said Mr. Zeilyn  
(instructed for prisoner by  
Messrs. Hall and Hind), "I saw  
that gentleman sitting next to the  
auditor, I don't know who he is,  
distinctly shake his head at the  
witness."

Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by  
Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist for  
the Attorney-General): It was  
very wrong of him to do so, if he  
actually did, but I can't say I  
noticed it. He is an interpreter  
in the employ of Messrs. Wilkinson  
and Grist.

His Lordship: Did the jury  
notice anything.

Mr. Silva (foreman) replied  
that they had noticed the man in  
question shake his head.

His Lordship (addressing the  
man in question): Get out of  
court. If I see anything of that  
kind again I will send you to  
prison for gross contempt of  
court.

The interpreter stopped on his  
way out to talk to a solicitor.

"Get out of court at once, sir,"  
said His Lordship.

The compradore who was giving  
evidence at the time gave a  
different answer to the question  
asked him than he had done pre-  
viously.

His Lordship drew his atten-  
tion to this and asked him if this  
had anything to do with the other  
interpreter's signal.

The witness replied to the ques-  
tion of advances made to Mr.  
Atherley, that whatever bill of  
Mr. Atherley he (the compradore)  
paid which Mr. Atherley  
said was not a personal account  
he looked to the Company to pay  
it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Zeilyn,  
the compradore admitted making  
large loans to Mr. Atherley for his  
personal needs. These in-  
cluded rent of house, personal  
effects and clothes, drink, food,  
ferry ticket, hire of boys, services  
to house, etc.

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that all the money transactions  
passing between him and Mr.  
Atherley throughout the whole  
period of the latter's duty as  
manager were transactions in  
which money was advanced for  
his personal use and personal  
security and were not to do with  
business.

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BETTER HOPES.

HOTEL CO'S LATEST  
ACTIVITIES.

A.B. BACHELOR'S DEATH.

"Better than hoped for at first" is  
the opinion regarding the re-  
sumption of full activities at the  
Hongkong Hotel after the fire on  
New Year Day.

It is learned that steps will be  
taken to retrieve a part of the first  
floor of the main wing for use with  
the new building. A "China Mail"  
reporter was informed that a wall is  
likely to be erected shutting off the  
part considered dangerous. This course will mean  
the addition of more space in the  
hotel for public use.

Meanwhile Messrs. Palmer and  
Turner have still to decide more  
important questions.

It is also understood that the  
scaffolding erected around the  
damaged part will serve to re-  
move where possible dangers, but  
demolishing work may not  
start for some days.

The Hotel management have  
written to Vice-Admiral Sir E.  
Alexander Sinclair asking for  
guidance as to giving tangible  
recognition of the service of A.B.  
Batchelor who was killed while  
assisting, as a volunteer, in fighting  
the fire. A reply is awaited.

ASYLUM CASE.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY  
CHARGE.

Further evidence was taken at  
the Central Magistracy this morning  
in the case against two  
Chinese (one being a ward boy)  
charged with conspiring together  
to obtain the release of one Lee  
Ah-Lei, a patient at the Govern-  
ment Lunatic Asylum, together  
with his belongings, with intent  
to defraud.

At the previous hearing it was  
stated in evidence by Mr. James  
Mackay, and Edward master that  
the first defendant, who claimed  
to be a broker of the patient, failed  
to give satisfactory answers to  
questions as to the patient's name  
and the date of his admittance.

The police were then notified and  
took the men into custody.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the  
first defendant this morning  
when the case was again adjourned  
until Wednesday after the  
evidence of an office boy and another  
witness who was with the first  
defendant when the visit to the  
Asylum was made.

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FENG RETIRING.

URGES SUPPORT FOR TUAN  
CHI-JUI.

A CIRCULAR TELEGRAM.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Jan. 4.

General Feng Yu-hsiang has  
issued a circular telegram stating  
that he is giving up public life  
and going abroad and urging the

Government to withdraw

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS  
WITHDRAWN.

WEEK DAY HOURS.

The "China Mail" understands  
officially that the restrictions  
hitherto obtaining in respect of  
Sunday cinema hours of opening  
have been withdrawn and that the  
Government has no objection to  
the week day hours of opening  
applying to Sunday also.

A state of affairs thus ends as  
to the desirability of which public  
opinion was divided, although the  
general body of it (judging from  
very considerable correspondence  
in the "China Mail" last  
year) was in favour of allowing  
such facilities. The "dullness" of  
a certain wet Sunday was used as  
an illustration by those favouring  
the removal of the restrictions.

The first sign of the Govern-  
ment's change of opinion was the  
concession made on Sunday, December 27, when week-day  
hours were allowed as it was holi-  
day time. The appreciation of  
the change, voiced through the  
Government in coming to

their decision.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

THIS MORNING'S  
CASES.

A SEQUEL TO A CHASE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy  
this morning, Major Stanford was  
cautioned for leaving his motor  
car outside "Rogue" unattended  
on December 18.

Resulting from a complaint  
made by Mrs. W. W. Hirst, who  
was a passenger in a motor bus,  
the driver was charged with car-  
rying five passengers in excess  
of the number allowed. A fine of  
\$10 was imposed.

John Manley was thank-  
ed by the Magistrate (Mr. E. W.  
Hamilton) after he had given  
evidence against a Chinese motor  
driver charged with reckless  
driving and on two other counts  
of having no lights. Witness said  
that his driver had to swerve to a  
side on the Castle Peak  
Road when the defendant's car  
came from the opposite direction  
travelling on the wrong side of  
the road at about 25 to 30 miles an hour. He gave  
chase and overtook the defendant's car, which had no rear  
light and only one front light.  
Fines of \$50 and \$10 were imposed  
on the first and third charges.

CHANG'S REGRET TO THE  
JAPANESE.

REINFORCEMENTS RECALLED.

(Reuters Service.)

London, January 5.

The War Department announces  
that the remaining reinforcements  
which were sent to Manchuria last  
month are withdrawing on Thursday  
and Friday and returning to Japan.

It is also announced that General  
Chang and General Son have sent  
messages to the Kwantung and  
Japanese authorities regarding that  
the recent disturbances threatened  
Japanese lives and property.

CENTRAL CASE.

At the Central Magistracy this  
morning, Mr. G. H. Wilson was  
fined \$5 for causing an obstruction  
by leaving his car in Pedder  
Street near the Hongkong Hotel.

KUO'S DOWNFALL.

CIVIL OFFICIALS STILL IN  
REFUGE.

CHANG DEMANDS SURRENDER.

(Reuters Service.)

Tokyo, January 4.

Foreign Office advises from  
Mukden state that eight of Kuo  
Sung-in's civil officials are still  
taking refuge in the Japanese  
Consulate at Hantung.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin insists  
that they be turned over to him.

It is understood that the Japanese  
Government has instructed Consuls  
and railway guards that the refugees  
must be protected at all costs, thus  
creating a somewhat delicate situation  
vis-a-vis Chang.

It is expected that extra guards  
will be sent from Mukden to Hantung  
for the purpose of escorting the  
refugees to the Mukden  
Consulate.

Chang Tso-lin's troops are said  
to be watching the Consulate at  
Hantung to prevent the escape of  
the refugees.

According to the curious  
worded official statement, the for-  
mer was executed not for reasons  
of personal gain but assumed  
patriotic grounds.

The Minister of the Interior has  
ordered an immediate investigation  
of certain officials of the State map-making  
offices.

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## PULPIT HUMOUR.

VICAR AND HIS VIEW OF LIFE.

HIS CHOSEN EPITAPH.

Elere lies a jolly old silly ass, Sincere and earnest, although his "gas" Was "laughing" in speech or written column. Always, serious, but never solemn.

Such is the epitaph which he would like on his tombstone, says the Rev. A. Wellesley Orr, Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, writing in his "Parish Magazine."

A "Sunday Times" representative asked Mr. Orr about his work in the parish of St. Paul's, and discovered that this vicar is a laugh with a purpose.

"Laughing and outright" laughers are not exceptional in St. Paul's when the vicar preaches, but, as a shopkeeper remarked to the "Sunday Times," "he manages to tell us a lot of home-truths more forcibly than he could if he did not make us laugh. We laugh at ourselves as well as with him. He is the biggest enemy of humbug and pomposities round here."

"I think laughter helps to keep a nation sane," was Mr. Orr's verdict. "It helps us to maintain a sense of proportion, and it is the best antidote to 'Red hot air. Extremists are people without a sense of humour."

## WHAT TIME WASH TAKES.

"I think we are tending in our modern civilisations to dismiss out laughter," Mr. Orr continued, "though, in a rather paradoxical way, the world teach people to laugh, especially at things which had been taken more seriously than their importance warranted. The men in the trenches certainly saw many things ridiculous which they had previously regarded with solemnity, like class distinctions."

"But you introduce jokes into sermons?"

"Why not? Of course, I vary my sermons, and I have a serious purpose, but I generally like to get people at the beginning with a joke. I do not mind telling quite secular stories. I have started a sermon with a real after-dinner story."

"And, of course" — Mr. Orr paused a moment — "preaching extempore, you can see if you are sending people off to sleep by being too heavy. If you have doubts, you can wake them up with a good joke. If they show no sign of response, you know they have gone right off to sleep."

"But was Christ humorous?"

"Oh, certainly. Many modern studies of His life have brought that out, especially a recent one by an American, 'A Man Nobody Knows.' I have had that conception of Christ as the man of joy for years past. My wife always considered it was wrong to think of Him as the Man of Sorrow so much because children were so fond of Him, and she never knew children to be very fond of a terribly gloomy person."

## HUMOUR—AND MISERY.

"What of humour when talking to people who are really miserable, Mr. Orr?"

"Ah, of course, one would not risk laughing unsympathetically. But I think it is a fact that those who have most trouble are the most courageous laughers. Who more gloomy, or with more cause for gloom, than the man who feels he has gained all he wanted? His laughter is likely to become cynical as he contemplates the world of the things he so ardently desired and has obtained."

Asked us to the Archbishop of Canterbury's room, strictures on the clergy and the cause of small congregations, Mr. Orr said: "I think the Archbishop is wrong about church attendance. Judging from the whole area from Kingston and Norbiton to Surbiton, it is certainly untrue that the churches are empty. They are full. I do not think that any of us persons are alike, and we all use different methods."

"I think the mistake about church attendance is due to overlooking a change which has come about. The morning and evening congregation used to consist in the main of the same people. Nowadays we have two different congregations, and a far smaller proportion of people attend twice on the same day. I am sure that church-going is pretty nearly double what it was fifteen years ago, for this one reason:

## ON PREACHING.

"With regard to preaching? Well, of course, it does depend on the preacher. But it is the personality of the person that matters most. The personality that runs through the conduct of the service and the work outside the church as well as in the pulpit.

## GUILTY OF THEFT.

COUNTESS SENT TO PRISON.

PLEA FOR HER BABY.

Described as the "smartest woman in Potsdam, married to the heir of a famous family, and well known in the most exclusive German society, the beautiful Countess von Bothmer has just been found guilty of theft, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment. The trial has absorbed Berlin's interest, emphasising as it has done the present strained conditions of many of the old aristocrats.

When the anxiously awaited verdict was given a storm broke loose. The friends of the countess were dumb-founded; her enemies were pleased. A babel of argument broke out, oblivious of the fact that the court was still in session.

## "MY CHILDREN."

The countess addressed the jury with the pathos of an expectant mother. She repeated that she was absolutely innocent, and implored the jurors to consider their consciences before returning a verdict.

"I do not plead for myself, but for my children."

"I am fighting for my two children and a third whom I expect in a few months. He must bear an honest name, this son of mine. But for him I would have taken my life a long time ago."

She listened to the verdict with perfect composure, but when the sentence was announced she uttered a piercing shriek and collapsed in the dock.

When she regained consciousness she shrugged her shoulders, saying, "I don't mind. Tomorrow I shall be no more of this world."

Two main charges were brought against the prisoner. The first was that she had robbed Fräulein Dommer—a close friend of hers with whom she was spending a holiday in Pomerania—of 500 marks. The other charge was of having stolen silver, carpets, and books from the house of a retired High Court judge, Herr Reick.

When the judge heard that the countess was arrested he withdrew his complaint, knowing well that she was the thief.

## BRIBED "THIEF."

During the trial a sensation was sprung on the court by a tramp, Otto Stanger, who came forward and declared he was the thief. It was, however, proved that he was in gaol at the time of the theft.

The court found that Stanger had been in the count's regiment and was bribed by the countess to pass himself off as the thief.

In her endeavour to keep the police off her track the countess wrote letters to the judge in which she gave her opinion about the "burglary," this was found to agree with the wording of a newspaper account. Cuttings from the newspaper from which she had obtained her inspiration were found in her desk.

Another trick was a letter from an alleged dying woman to a Catholic priest. The letter stated that the writer's son had committed the theft, and escaped abroad.

A young wife went into a grocer's shop and said: "I bought three or four hams here a month or so ago, and they were fine. Have you any more of them?"

"Yes, ma'm," replied the grocer, "there are 10 of those hams hanging up there now."

"Well if they're off the same pig, I'll take three of them," said the customer.

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Leaving Mr. Orr's study, the interviewer glanced at a long series of photographs of the Vicar of St. Paul's in boxer's outfit, reading "That's when I was in Yorkshire among the miners," he explained. "By a legend, a false legend, it was believed that I was a dangerous boxer, and they called me the Fighting Parson."

Whenever a truculent matchmaker calls to me, I take him in one room alone for five minutes to give him time to cool off, then I tell him, 'I'm not the Fighting Parson.'

## FASTING MAN.

TAUNTED BY PEOPLE EATING.

DASH FROM CAGE.

A young Dutchman named Wolly, who was fasting in a glass cage in Paris, had a nervous seizure at 10 o'clock in the morning as the result of hunger and kicked his cage to pieces. He had undertaken to fast for 28 days, but had only completed the 14th day.



JOAN KAUFMAN.

Joan Kaufman, banker's daughter, is ready for the skirt she will put on for charity.

A doctor was summoned and Wolly was rushed to a nursing home. He had sufficiently recovered in the afternoon to be able to take some nourishment.

The fast, which was organised by a Paris newspaper, had attracted large crowds of people, who paid a franc to see Wolly in his glass cage.

During his incarceration Wolly smoked innumerable cigarettes.

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## THE TANGO.

DANCERS LEARNED BY PICTURES.

ONLY TUITION FOR MANY.

## MICHAEL ARLEN.

ENGAGED TO POLA NEGRIT.

FILMLAND RUMOUR.

Dance lessons from the pictures are training skilled dancers in the humbler suburbs of London. In a barn-like, gas-lit, and un-decorated dance hall, with only an ancient piano and a cheap violin to make music, two young men were dancing a Tango together with the lightness and grace of professionals.

Fleet of foot with rhythm and music in every movement they twisted and twirled; one moment Apache-like steps and then a dream-like, floating across the room, followed by a mad whirling, all perfect in every step.

One of them named Billy said afterwards that he was a lead glazier. He loved to work on the coloured glass but not the plain.

## "VALENTINO'S LESSON."

"I saw Rudolf Valentino dance the Tango in his picture 'The Four Horsemen,'" he said, "and that instant I also wanted to dance it."

"I saw the picture again and again until I seemed to know every move of the limbs in the dance, and that is all the teaching most of us ever had."

"Why do I dance with a male partner? . . . Well, you see, we practise together and being both fond of dancing I feel that no girl could be more suitable. Dancing is in my blood."

And dancing was, in the blood of scores of the other youths and girls in the ugly hall.

Outside was a girl of 18, beginning to be allowed in to have the last two dances. She could not raise even the modest threepence demanded by the pugilistic doorman.

When it was offered to her the maid was transported from abject misery to ecstasy and she "lived" every moment of the last two dances.



PEGGY UBEL.

Peggy Ubel, actress of Los Angeles, having a studio manager, charges that after a mix-up with him, she suffered to such extent that \$600,000 should be paid to her as recompense.

pany to write scenarios, and his first screen effort will be a scenario for Miss Negri's next picture.

Neither he nor Miss Negri are offended by the whispers of a possible engagement, though neither has said anything definite on the matter.

"I am looking for a wife in America—but she must not be an American," Mr. Arlen is reported to have said, "American women are too temperamental!"

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## PIANO.

Jan. 8—O.S.K. Koho Maru.

14—O.S.K. Gobo Maru.

## SWATOW.

Jan. 8—O.N. Soiyang.

7—O.S.K. Takwa Maru.

## AMOK.

Jan. 7—O.S.K. Takwa Maru.

10—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru.

13—O.N. Anbu.

14—O.S.K. Kotai Maru.

## SHANGHAI.

Jan. 6—C.N. Suiyang.

7—C.N. Hymotus.

8—C.N. Sunning.

7—I.C.S.N. Tungking.

8—O.P.S. Empress of Asia.

8—N.Y.K. Tokushima Maru.

9—P.O. Delta.

10—O.S.K. Malwa.

9—C.N. Soochow.

9—N.Y.K. Cuyton Maru.

10—L.T. Esquiline.

11—T.K.K. Tonyo Maru.

12—J.C.J.L. Tisak.

13—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru.

14—S.C. Sanchia.

15—A.O.L. Pro. Grant.

16—A.C.O. Lopez Y Lopez.

17—O.N.B. Cambridge.

18—O.S.K. Empress of Canada.

19—T.K.K. Shimoda Maru.

20—O.C.L. Barnard Maru.

21—O.S.K. Kuroki Maru.

## KELING.

Jan. 7—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru.

8—O.S.K. Koho Maru.

10—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru.

## WEIHAIWEI.

Jan. 10—C.N. Huichow.

11—C.N. Chefoo.

12—C.N. Tinten.

Jan. 10—C.N. Huichow.

11—C.N. Tsingtau.

12—I.C.S.N. Tunashia.

13—C.N. Soochow.

## PAKHOI.

Jan. 8—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

12—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru.

## HOIHEUNG.

Jan. 6—C.N. Taming.

8—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

8—C.N. Kaying.

10—I.C.S.N. Minggang.

12—I.C.S.N. Leesang.

21—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru.

## BANGKOK.

Jan. 9—I.C.S.N. Chakrang.

10—I.C.S.N. Sizom.

11—I.C.S.N. Robco Maru.

## SINGAPORE.

Jan. 6—E.A. Aralura.

7—E.P.M. Van Olooy.

8—C.N. Kuying.

11—I.C.S.N. Leetong.

12—B.B. Lopez Y Lopez.

## MANILA.

Jan. 6—E.A. Araturs.

8—A.O.L. Pres. Grant.

8—L.B. Pres. Lincoln.

18—U.S.S.B. Pres. Polk.

19—N.L. Ophelia.

20—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.

21—A.O.L. Pres. Madison.

22—B.S. Taiping.

30—U.S.S.B. West Jester.

Feb. 1—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson.

3—E.A. St. Albans.

7—N.L. Anholt.

8—B.B. Lopez Y Lopez.

Mar. 7—N.L. Fudia.

## BANDAKAN.

Jan. 6—E.A. Araturs.

8—A.O.L. St. Albans.

12—C.N. Tinten.

19—U.S.S.B. West Jester.

30—U.S.S.B. Calcutta.

Feb. 1—E.A. Tinten.

19—U.S.S.B. West Jester.

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13—O.S.K. Hamburg Maru.

24—A.C.O. Airports.

Feb. 1—O.S.K. Tando Maru.

4—P.O. Delta.

7—P.O. Sabah.

12—O.S.K. Lopez Y Lopez.

17—O.S.K. Tinten.

18—J.C.J.L. Tinten.

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Hongkong, Tuesday, January 5, 1926.

## THE PUBLIC AND FIRES.

Yesterday we drew attention to the serious under-staffing of the Fire Brigade as being in the opinion of the general public one of the gravest aspects of the hotel fire. To-day we proposed to deal with the question of water pressure from the same important standpoint. The inadequate water pressure appears to be the general public to have been as grave a scandal as any of the matters that have provoked the growing volume of criticism, for in the opinion of the layman observer at least twice before the flames got out of control they could have been quenched had the water pressure been equal to the urgent demand. The first time was when the forces inside the building, under the direction of the hotel staff, attempted to kill the blaze with the appliances at hand. The second time was when the Fire Brigade, promptly summoned, had arrived in Pedder Street. Photographs will confirm the statement that the first jet to be directed from the roadway could reach no higher than the third floor where the water did no more than drench the flower pots on the verandah ledge. Doubtless, the wetting of the wall was a circumstance that was appreciated later when the urgent question was one of cooling the heated fabric to prevent it cracking and collapsing, but at the time, so far from being a cause for congratulation, it was a reason for bitter despair. For had the water pressure been equal to sending that first jet—and the others that were later brought into play—over the top of the building into the main lift shaft, whence the fire had not yet spread to any extent, it seems to the layman that the trouble would have been nipped in the bud almost as soon as it had begun. Instead of that happening—what actually did take place? The flames, with nothing to stop them owing to the lack of water pressure, speedily got out of control. No longer was the fire more or less isolated—it began to sweep towards Des Voeux Road Central, with results that are still to live in the memory to require recounting here. The "China Mail" has already paid tribute to these whose combined

efforts eventually subdued the flames and saved the further loss of thousands of dollars of property in the hotel itself and in the adjoining buildings. Therefore it is no reflection upon these gallant workers to emphasize as we are doing to-day the fact that in many opinions the fire could have been extinguished before it had done any appreciable damage. The will was there but not the means. Nor could any amount of work or daring provide the means. The hotel blaze in the opinion of many who saw it, was a huge pyre to the system that permits the very heart of the city to have a water pressure which an indignant public is saying would be a disgrace to a place at tenth the size of Hongkong. The intensity of popular feeling on this point alone must surely lead to the closest inquiry and the most drastic reform. Let our officials bear that in mind when they seek, as we suppose, they will, after Friday's rude shock to local complacency, to draw the lessons from the blaze. The inadequate water pressure and the under-staffing of the Fire Brigade represent in the minds of hundreds of people scandals which the public are prepared to tolerate no longer. The sooner the strength of this feeling is realized in higher quarters the sooner will popular feeling subside—and, if the public is right, the sooner will the city be given a reasonable measure of security against fires not less costly and possibly much more tragic than last Friday's blaze.

## "SAFETY FIRST."

A protective association has been formed in Paris in the interests of pedestrians who view the automobile as a street danger not lightly to be ignored. For a nominal fee, members of the association, amongst other things, are guaranteed the services of a physician and a lawyer! There is a slight suspicion of the humorous about this part of the idea, but to transpose a Gallicism, the French evidently do not take their risks sadly, and believe in the American slogan of "Safety First." Whilst life itself is a speculation, it is safe to say that modern conditions of living have added to this speculation. Our pleasures, as well as our business, have become more serious affairs and the risks attendant on them are immeasurably greater. In the ordinary pursuance of life, it is for the individual to safeguard himself as much as possible. But into the places in which he goes and the conveyances he has to use, it is for those in charge of them to take every precaution, and to reduce risks to the minimum. Traffic regulations, as a simple illustration, are devised to this end. It requires an accident, an outbreak or some striking calamity to emphasize the need of precaution, and to unloose the tongue of reproach to the end of pointing out alleged deficiencies and the like. We are all very wise after an event. The habit of locking the stable door after the horse has bolted is as old as the hills. It will continue to be a pastime whilst human nature is what it is. Meanwhile the question needs to be asked if the matter of public safety has received

the attention it merits in a place like Hongkong. "Skyscrapers" are not now an uncommon sight. Each has its lift or series of lifts. Invariably a notice tells us the carrying capacity of them, and even if the operator does not observe the notice—the lift does by refusing to budge. It is

seems possible, it is possible for a fire to commence in these structures, should it not be made a fixed rule that each lift carries at least two fire extinguishers? The lower level trams intimate that standing is not allowed on the upper deck. The rule is such it is, and even if it is enforceable by law—it is often honour in the breach. The rule should be strictly observed—in the interest of all concerned, particularly the travelling public. Overcrowding of the ferries—we do not mention any in particular—should be severely frowned upon. So far as is known, we believe it is. Risks in the streets are covered by traffic regulations and need not occupy our attention here. Public resorts are generally provided with exits that should meet a case of panic. Even the old Theatre Royal seems modern in this respect, whilst those who have tripped over the hose-pipe ready for emergency, will bear testimony to foresight in case of fire. Of landslides, a word again is needed. The Government's admitted procedure is to send round a man to inspect places after either a typhoon or an extraordinary downpour. It seems a little ludicrous although the matter is, admittedly, a difficult one. Speaking generally, the Government should be aware of the weak places on hill sides and where road construction is in progress . . . If would be unwise to anticipate or suggest jury riders—but a reasonable one would be that the time has arrived for the formation of a Council of Public safety to consider the safety of the inhabitant from every possible angle, and to make recommendations thereon.

## MOB PSYCHOLOGY.

No more succinct summary of the Shanghai shooting affair of May 30 has been published than that contained in the course of the lengthy findings of Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice of Hongkong. Referring to the scene at the Louza Police Station, His Lordship recalls that the small crowd retreating at the instance of the Police was stopped by a much larger crowd with elements of unruly character in it; a student coming from the direction of the Station waved to the amalgamated crowd to return; the movement to the east was arrested; certain persons developed a high state of excitement, which communicated itself to the rest of the crowd; the crowd turned on the Police, and finally was worked up to attack the policemen who guarded the approach to the station. That summary is worth more than the reams of "explanations" that have been written on the incident in the long interval that has since elapsed. It gives an excellent example of Chinese mob psychology. It ruthlessly discards even a suggestion of blame on the part of the small force of policemen defending the station. It completely exonerates the action of the Inspector who gave the order to fire on the inflamed mob, whose passions had risen to fever heat. But for the firing, the small band of police, including the Inspector, would have been annihilated and the station destroyed in the same manner as in December, 1925. The guilt of the Chinese mob has been clearly established—they ran amok, and they must shoulder the blame. That is all that can be said about it—but that is eloquent indeed of the innocence of those who have been shamelessly denounced by the Chinese as assassins and murderers.

## NEW DIRECTORS.

## CHINESE GENTLEMEN HONOURED.

## THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

Mr. Kwok Chuen (Philip Gock Chin) of the Wing On Co. has been elected a director of the Tung Wah Hospital for the next (Chinese) year. Other new directors are Messrs.—Tam Woon-tong, Leung Lan-po (yarn merchant), Ng Kin-cho (banker), Chu Pek-tung, Chan Chung-sum (exporter), Ho Chi-sang (silk merchant), Lui Yum-suen (insurance manager), who was one of the two leaders of the "fraternity" tour to Canton. Wong Kwei-ching, Chan Yik-kin (Nam Pak Hong), Li Siu-ung-ming (pawnbroker), Yu Tse-wing (comptredore), Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Chan Kwai-lok (Bank of Canton, comptredore department), Ng Yu-chan (ice merchant). [Note: The Tung Wah Hospital is the leading Chinese philanthropic institution of the Colony.]

The rainfall during December amounted to 28.16 in. Rain fell in July three days—16th, 9th, 11th, and 20th.

## STEEL TRUST.

## AMERICAN BANKING FIRM'S SCHEME.

## FINANCING GERMAN WORKS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 4.

In connection with the report from New York that the banking firm of Dillon, Read & Company are planning the formation of a German-American Steel Trust, it is pointed out that there can be no question at present of forming such a Trust because no German Steel Trust at present exists.

It is believed that Dillon, Read & Company, who themselves own steel works in America are prepared to finance German steel works with big loans, so that the lack of capital will longer hinder the formation of a Trust composed of all the principal German steel works, except Krupp's, who are averse to joining it.

Should this Trust come into being it is expected that it will enter into close business relations with Dillon, Read & Co.'s Steel Works without necessarily forming a German-American Trust.

The amount which Dillon, Read & Co. proposes to place at the disposal of the German Trust, when formed, is not disclosed, but it is understood that the German steel magnates have been trying for some time to negotiate a loan in the United States for \$25,000,000, or \$30,000,000.

## THE BIG THREE.

New York, January 4. Dillon, Read & Co. confirm that approximately fifty million dollars are involved in financing the German steel combination, consisting of the Big Three, namely—Deutsche Luxembourg, Gelsen Kirchner, and Bochum Verein.

A provisional Regency Bill was passed, creating a council composed of Prince Nicolas, the Orthodox Patriarch, and the First President of the Court of Cassation.

Prince Carol has also waived his parental authority over Prince Michael.

## RUBBER CONTROL.

## TIMELY STATEMENT ALLAYS FEELING.

## EXCITEMENT ARTIFICIAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 4.

In regard to the statement published by Sir Robert Thorne in London giving an exposition of the rubber control question the "New York Times" considers that it is most timely and is calculated to allay any vestiges of the temporary ill-feeling in both countries.

The paper says that the excitement which temporarily raged over the high price was from the first artificial and quite unnecessary. Mr. Hoover hastened to do his best to correct the unfortunate effects of his first utterances.

The early exaggerations were hollow, and could not bear the weight of trade statistics. It would seem that even Congress was ready to consider the question on the basis of truth and reason.

## ROUMANIA'S HEIR.

## CAROL'S RENUNCIATION RATIFIED.

## PRINCE MICHAEL RECOGNISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bucharest, Jan. 4.

The National Assembly by 234 votes to 8 ratified Prince Carol's renunciation and succession rights and recognised Prince Michael as heir to the Throne.

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## SHIPPING MISHAP.

## "BALTIMORE MARU" AT PORT SUDAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Port Sudan, Jan. 4.

The steamer "Baltimore Maru" has arrived here in tow.

[A London cable of December 30 reported:—A message from Port Sudan reports that the Japanese steamer "Baltimore Maru" has broken her tall shaft. Her position at noon yesterday was 17.12 North, 40.40 East, and she was drifting northward.]

## SAMOA HURRICANE.

## GREAT TREES SLIDE INTO VILLAGES.

## MANY LANDSLIDES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, Jan. 4.

President Coolidge has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,000 for the expenses of the American representation to the preliminary disarmament discussions at Geneva. He declares that representation will not involve the attitude of the Government or any commitment to attend a similar future conference.

## A GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

seeking to find the best means of preserving the Irish language, has found that 75 per cent. of the girls and boys born in Irish-speaking districts look upon the United States as their future home. Even in the Dingle peninsula in Kerry, which is the principal home of native speech in Munster, it was learned that of the children in one parish, who left school between 1912 and 1922, more than half emigrated and many of those left are only waiting their turn under the quota, or financial assistance from friends in America.

## BOXER INDEMNITY.

## BRITISH MISSION LEAVING AT ONCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.

The Boxer Indemnity Mission expects to begin its labours early in March.

Lord Willingdon departs on January 15 via Vancouver and Japan, and expects to be away at least nine months.

## SONG WRITER.

## MARRIES MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 4.

In spite of persistent opposition from her father, Clarence Mackay, a multi-millionaire, and president of the Postal Telegraph Company, Ellen Mackay, aged twenty-two years, married a song writer, Irving Berlin.

Berlin had previously obtained a dispensation from the Pope permitting his marriage to Berlin, who is a Jew.



Mrs. Harriet Galli, cousin of Martin Durkin, Chicago bandit, is trying to arrange a trace of murderer for him. Shoot on sight is the order issued to the police seeking him.

## "QUEER PEOPLE?"

SIR BASIL THOMSON IN DOCK.

POLICEMAN'S ALLEGATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.

A huge crowd besieged Marlborough Police Court on the appearance of Sir Basil Thomson to answer two summonses—one accusing him of indecency with a woman in Hyde Park and the other requiring him to show cause why his recognisances of £25 should not be forfeited for non-appearance in Court on the day named in the original summons.

## Temptation?

A policeman gave evidence that after the arrest accused told him that he was Sir Basil Thomson and if his friends knew about this he would be ruined. Subsequently, the policeman alleged, accused said that if witness overlooked the matter he could leave the police to-morrow. The policeman replied that accused should not tempt him, adding: "You know how impossible it is for me to let you go. The police is my sole means of existence."

## Recognised At Station.

Counsel for the prosecution said that accused at the Police Station, where an inspector recognised him, asked that his name be entered as Hugh Thomson. He was released on bail of £25 but failed to appear in Court. Subsequently he wrote explaining that he went to Bow Street by mistake. Accused appeared at Marlborough Street on December 16 for service of a summons on a woman who was a young pantomime artiste, who was arrested and fined on December 22.

The case was adjourned.

## A Varied Career.

Sir Basil Thomson is the third son of the late Archbishop Thomson, of York, and was born in 1861. Educated at Eton and New College, Oxford, he entered the Colonial Civil Service and went to Fiji and thence to Tonga.



Sir Basil Thomson.

During his term of office trouble arose in the Tongan group, and Sir Basil then not 30 years of age found the mantle of Prime Minister cast upon his shoulders.

Some of the exploits of his predecessor in the Premiership, the famous Shirley Baker, he recounted in an interesting book, "The Divisions of a Prime Minister." He was transferred to British New Guinea, where he was awarded the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving life at sea.

In 1893 Sir Basil was given charge of the King of Siam when he was being educated in this country.

In 1896 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, and in the same year began his long connection with crime and criminals by entering the prison service as deputy governor of Liverpool Prison. He held a similar post at Dartmoor, and was subsequently governor successively of Northampton, Cardiff, Dartmoor, and Wormwood Scrubs prisons till 1908, when he became inspector of prisons and secretary to the Prison Commissioners.

In 1909, while at Northampton, he was again sent out to the Pacific by the Colonial Office as Special Commissioner to negotiate treaties with two of the native Governments.

In 1913 Sir Basil was appointed in succession to Sir Melville Macnaghten, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and in 1910 Director of the special Branch. He retired in 1919. Among his literary works perhaps the most fascinating is his "Story of Dartmoor Prison," and he is also the author of "South Sea Yarns," "A Court Intrigue," "The Imitations of Lady Asenath," "Discovery of the Solomon Islands," "Savage Island," "The Fijians," "The

## GREAT FLOODS.

UNPRECEDENTED SCENES IN FRANCE.

FATAL COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 4. The likelihood of continued rain is causing the utmost anxiety. Already the Oise has beaten all records, including the floods of 1910 and 1920, having risen twenty feet. The triangle between Creil, Beauvais, and Noyon is a vast sheet of water.

Trains on the main line to Belgium are obliged to slow down for many miles, whilst sometimes the floors of the carriages are swamped.

The villages in the flooded areas are being hurriedly evacuated and household goods are being transported on rafts.

The flooding of the water works at Compiegne resulted in a limited supply of drinking water and rationing from barrels.

## TRAIN ABANDONED.

The rise of the Aisne flooded many streets in Soissons. A train between Chantilly and Saint-Quentin was abandoned after the passengers were rescued.

A child was killed and three persons injured as the result of the collapse of a house at Caen, which caused enormous damage. Some of the estimates amount to twenty million francs.

## TORRENDS IN STREETS.

The rise of the Meuse converted the streets in Mezieres into rushing torrents.

It is feared that 20,000 workers in the Meuse Valley will be idle for three weeks in consequence of the flooding of the factories.

## DAMAGE IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4. The water has fallen a yard below yesterday's highest level at Maestricht, so the trains to Liege and the northern parts of Holland are running, but not for public service.

Their Majesties this morning viewed the damage at Maestricht, where many of the homeless people are sheltered in the military barracks at Shertogenbosch.

In view of the extent of the disaster it is remarkable that so far there have been no fatalities, although two women went insane as a result of their anxiety and distress.

## POSITION IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, Jan. 4. Their Majesties to-day paid a very lengthy visit to the inundated regions around Namur and Dinant.

The situation in the Liege, Namur, and Brussels districts has greatly improved, but the position in the low-lying districts, notably in the Waes area, has become worse.

## A ROYAL DONATION.

Their Majesties have subscribed two million francs to the national fund for the victims of the floods, comprising the money presented to them on the occasion of their silver wedding last year, besides a personal gift of 100,000 francs.

## EARLIER NEWS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4. Rain is still falling and the flood-waters are rising. The River Waal, near Wyneken, is at the highest for very many years. Many houses in the Polder neighbourhood of Amsterdam are submerged.

The viaduct and railway station at Beugen, north-east of Brabant, collapsed under pressure of the rising water.

Between Flushing and Gogh a train was derailed owing to the sinking of a dyke.

## ITALY MOURNING.

## DEATH OF THE QUEEN MOTHER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, Jan. 3. Queen-Mother Margherita has passed away.

[A Rome message of December 18, which did not reach Hongkong, stated:—Queen-Mother Margherita, whose condition at Bordighera, owing to congestion of the lungs, has given rise to anxiety, passed a quiet night, though the local symptoms are unchanged and the royal patient's temperature is high.]

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.L. s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesex, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Jan. 8, and is due to arrive here on Jan. 10.

The B.L. s.s. "Hymetus" left Singapore for this port yesterday at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 14 at a.m.

Skene Papers, and "Queer People," as well as of the Penal Code of Tonga and contributions to Lord Halsbury's "Laws of England."

## TO SAVE GREECE.

## DEPENDENCE ON ARMED FORCE.

## DIKTATORSHIP ESTABLISHED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, Jan. 4. The Commander of each barracks announced that a Dictatorship had been proclaimed and all must contribute to the task undertaken by the Army for the nation's good. The statement concluded: "On your bayonets only does the establishment of the Dictatorship depend."

## FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Athens, Jan. 4.

General Pangalos made his announcement at a banquet given by Officers of the Republic Guard.



The New Dictator.

It evoked demonstrations of enthusiasm, which were renewed by the Guard during a parade of the streets in the evening.

General Pangalos said that he was preparing a programme based solely on armed forces.

## WHO IS PANGALOS?

General Pangalos has been Premier since June, when he organised a coup d'état in the Army and compelled the resignation of the Michalacopoulos Government. He was largely instrumental in the events leading to the deposition of King George II, in 1922, and the establishment of a Republic. He presided at the court-martial in 1922, which ordered the execution of the former Premier, M. Gounaris, and three other ex-Ministers on the charge of responsibility for the overwhelming defeat of the Greeks by the Turks in Asia Minor.

There has been much speculation recently regarding the possibility of the return of King George II to the throne.

## TEA DANCES.

## CHINESE AMUSEMENT PARK.

Lee Garden (formerly Jardine's Hill) at Causeway Bay has been the scene of successful tea dances during the holidays, a large number of Europeans availing themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the floor and, at the same time, enjoy the many sights.

A feature of this park is the minute care with which "sets" copied on exact lines, have been reproduced of romantic places in Chinese history and mythology.

Facing the dance hall is a life-size set of figures representing a faithful minister who spent a long captivity among the wilds of Mongolia with a devoted wife, child and some sheep. The "Goddess of Mercy" stands close by and there are many freak erections to be examined.

The next tea dance will be held to-morrow afternoon.

## THE HOTEL FIRE.

## THE FULL STORY WITH PICTURES.

The full story of the hotel fire with pictures will appear in "The Overland China Mail," the weekly edition of the "China Mail," which will be on sale on Friday. As there is sure to be a heavy demand for copies it is advisable that orders should be sent to the publishers, No. 6 Wyndham Street, without delay.

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## SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

## "TUNGCHOW" PIRACY.

## SIR H. C. GOLLAN'S FINDINGS.

## POLICE JUSTIFICATION.

Athens, Jan. 4. The course of his conclusions on the Shanghai affair of May 30 into which he enquired as Britain's judicial representative. Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Chief Justice of Hongkong, remarks as follows:

After full and careful consideration of all the evidence adduced by the witnesses, of their demeanour, and of the inherent probabilities of the respective stories told by them, I am clearly of opinion that the evidence given by the police witnesses, and supported by the large body of independent testimony, is substantially correct, and that Inspector Everson was justified in coming to the conclusion that, if the crowd had not been fired upon, the lives of the police under his command would have been sacrificed, and the crowd would have gained possession of the Louza Police Station; with results that might have been most serious in view of the quantities of arms and ammunition stored there.

And it is also to be remembered that a mob had in December 1905 seized and destroyed the Louza Police Station, in the face of strenuous opposition offered by a body of unarmed police.

## MOB PSYCHOLOGY.

A matter that struck me was the rapid change that, according to the evidence, took place in the state of mind of the crowd, within a period of about 15 minutes, and without the commission of any acts by the police tending to irritate the crowd. At one time, the group of students who had been ejected from the charge room, and the others who had joined them, were being induced to move back by a small body of police. The leading idea in the mind of this crowd would then seem to have been to obtain the release of the students who had been detained.

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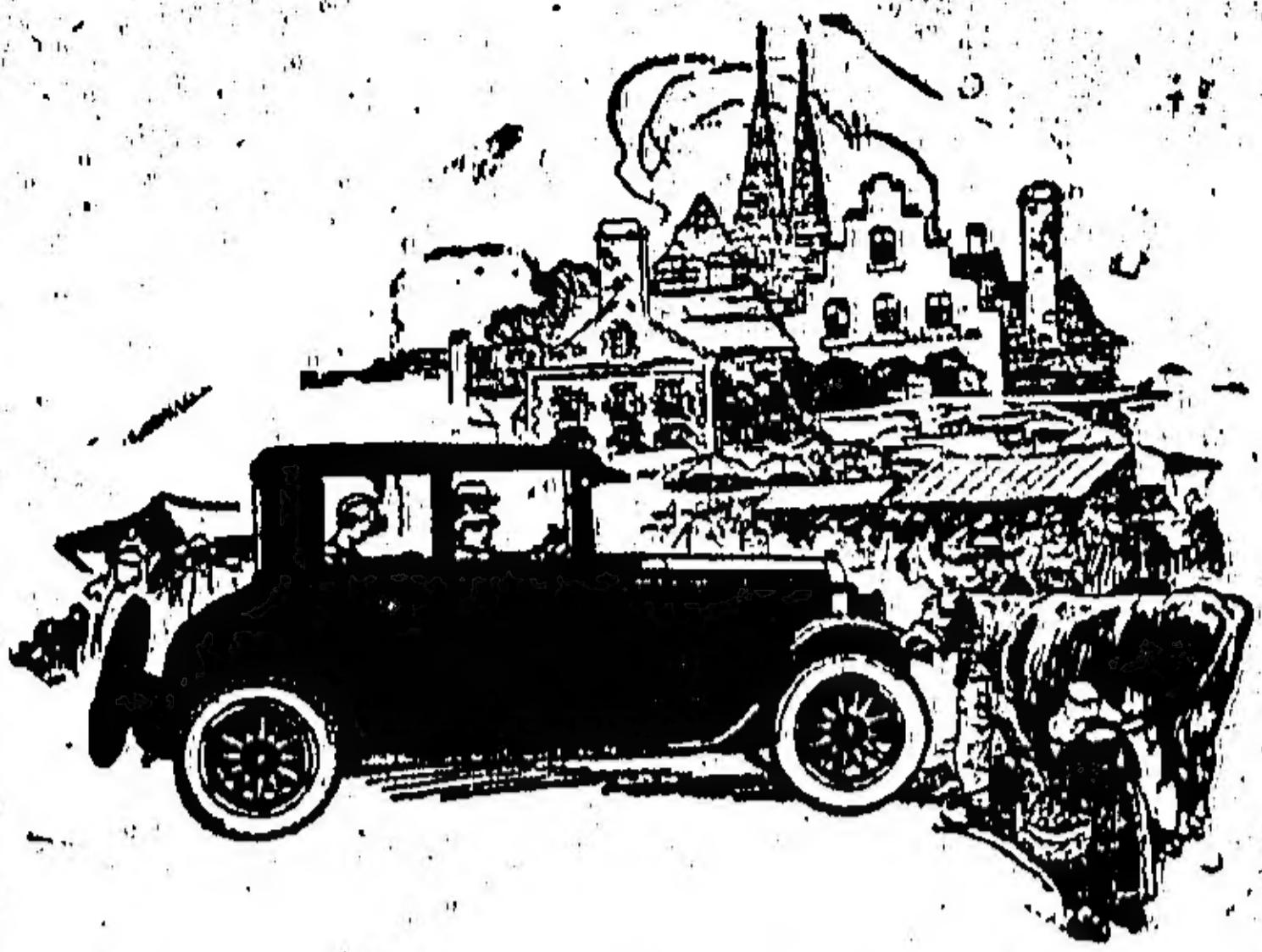
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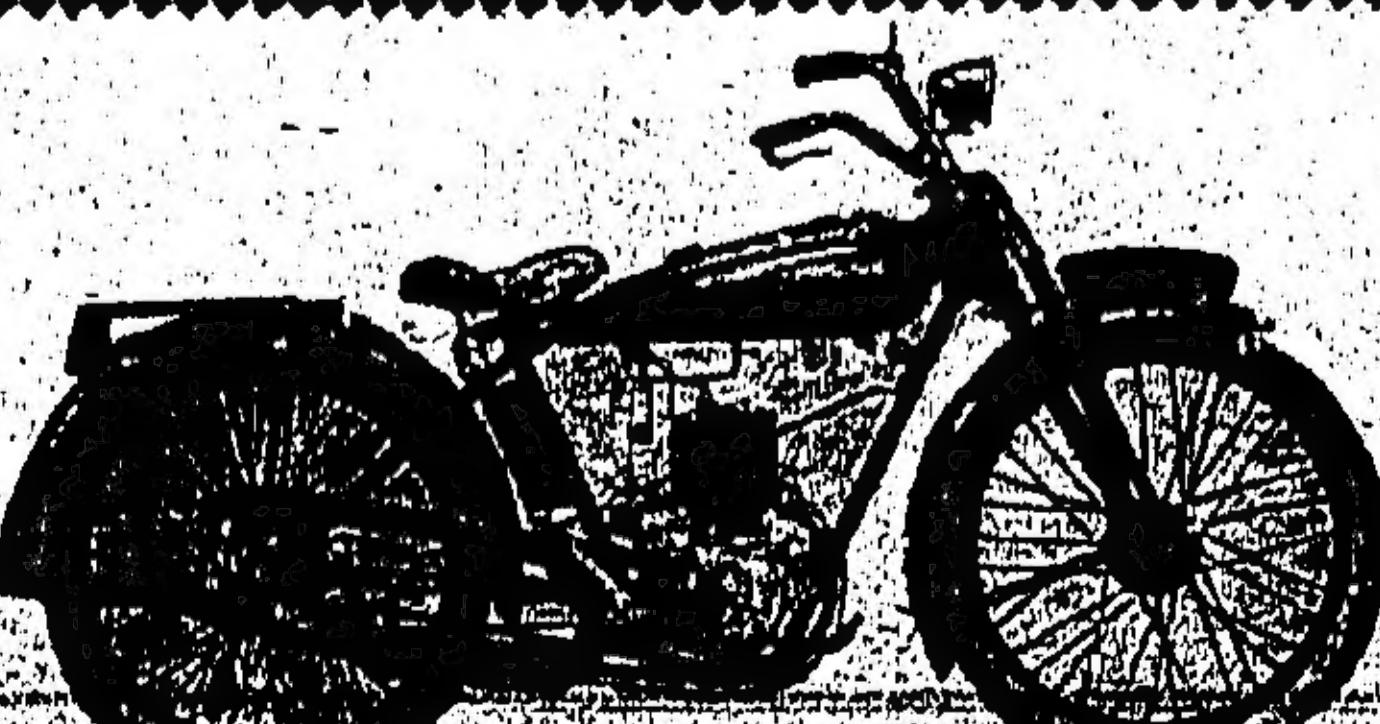
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The P. & O. liner "Delta," which left Singapore on the 2nd inst., at 7 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The a.s. "Empress of Asia" will sail from Hongkong at day-light on Friday next, one day later than previously announced.

Property in Des Vœux Road Central, advertised to be sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, was withdrawn.

All new firms and all firms who have not already sent in their applications for insertion in the Dollar Directory for 1926, are requested to do so as soon as possible.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., advertise European residences within easy reach of the city comprising six rooms, four bath rooms, up-to-date sanitation, electric light, gas and garage.

The a.s. "President Hayes" arrived yesterday, bringing 122 bags of mail from U.S.A., Honshu, Japan and Shanghai. The a.s. "Korean Maru" is due to-day with mail from the same places and to-morrow the a.s. "Takushima Maru" should arrive with mail from the United Kingdom and Europe via Nagapatanam (Letters and papers, London, December 3, 1925).

It is notified for the information of Owners and Occupiers of tenements that, under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 8 of 1901, Rates for the First Quarter of 1926, are payable in advance on or before January 31, 1926. If any person shall fail to pay such Rates on or before February 28, 1926, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice. No refund of Rates in respect of vacant tenements will be granted unless such Rates have been paid during and within the month of January, 1925, nor unless application is made for such refund within fifteen days from the expiration of the Quarter.

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With the winter season along the Riviera in full swing and with dollars and pounds flowing into the banks of Southern France, Le Figaro says: "This situation constitutes a bright ray of sunshine in France's otherwise cloudy financial affairs."

It is notified that the name of The Mutual Bank of China, Limited has been struck off the Register.

Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., furnishing sale commenced yesterday and will continue for nine days more.

Pictures of the disastrous fire at the Hongkong Hotel will be shown at the Queen's Theatre this evening.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the four days ended Sunday shows one British case of typhus fever.

The Queen's Theatre attraction to-day and to-morrow is "Women Who Give." On Thursday the famous Buster Keaton appears.

Messrs. Mackintosh Co.'s sale yesterday attracted numerous buyers who gained bargains galore. The sale continues to-day and to-morrow.

The Territorial Army is not being kept up to its establishment strength because of "Women, trade unions and motorbicycles," said Lord Raglan in the House of Lords recently. He declared that young men were not joining the Territorials in sufficient numbers and the causes mentioned had been "enemies" of the Territorial Army since the war. Women, he said, did not want their husbands and sweethearts to join, and while the young men of pre-war days found the Territorial Army one way of getting off into the country, to-day he uses a motor-bicycle.

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The latest defeat suffered by women seeking equal rights, privileges and treatment with men, in Paris has come from newspaper men who have refused to admit female co-workers as members of their press club, which is a state-aided institution. Although French newspapers is a whole support women's rights in general, the attempt by women journalists to obtain the right of joining the press club has been steadily frustrated for years. The question came before a general meeting of the club and the admission of women was defeated by 78 votes against 48.

## TRY THIS FOR YOUR COUGH.

A nervous hacking cough cannot be cured by a glass of water, but it will disappear under the healing and soothing effect of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Every user is a friend. It is for sale everywhere.

Mr. H. P. White is due back in the Colony on Friday next.

A Tea dances is to take place at Leo Gardens to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. Dancing will last until 7.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. A. S. Hiet, Mr. D. G. Ralph and Mr. J. C. Easterbrook returned to the Colony in the "President Hayes" yesterday.

See Hongkong from the Air should attract Hongkong people from January 6 to 19. The Dutch aviator will give passenger flights at \$20 per head, starting from the Kai Tak Reclamation Ground, Kowloon Bay. Booking at Moutrie's and Anderson's or on the Ground. Already one Chinese store is making use of his services and messages with gift coupons are being distributed from the air.

Last year Lord Cecil of Chelwood received the first award of the American Woodrow Wilson Foundation for his work in furthering international peace organisations. He has now decided to devote the award partly to providing an annual prize for the British undergraduate who writes the best essay on the maintenance of peace and partly for the recreation of the staff of the League Secretariat. Lord Cecil has put £1,000 sterling at the disposal of Sir Elie Drummond for the staff of the Secretariat's lawn tennis club. For new tennis courts, The Golf Club of Geneva and the staff of the library will also benefit from Lord Cecil's generous gift.

Eightpence a week for groceries to nine women and £1. a week for bread to a man and a woman are legacies under the will of Miss Emma A. Erman of Torquay, Devon, who left £20,000.

Other bequests include—

£100 each to her maid-servants Elizabeth Long and Miss Hunt; £100 each to her gardeners Robert Joseph and Frederick Hunt.

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# People and Events in the News of the World



MILDRED (left) & MARIE STEELE

Mildred Steele, left, was chosen Princess Cinderella. But the judges, before making the decision, were forced to look to the feet to determine the winner after her twin sister, Marie, appeared on the scene. Then it was found the slipper fitted Mildred, but not Marie.



CHARLES PONZI

Charles Ponzi, the one time "financial wizard" of Boston, is now embarked on a realty scheme in Florida by which he hopes to realize \$2,000,000 and, he says, pay off his creditors.



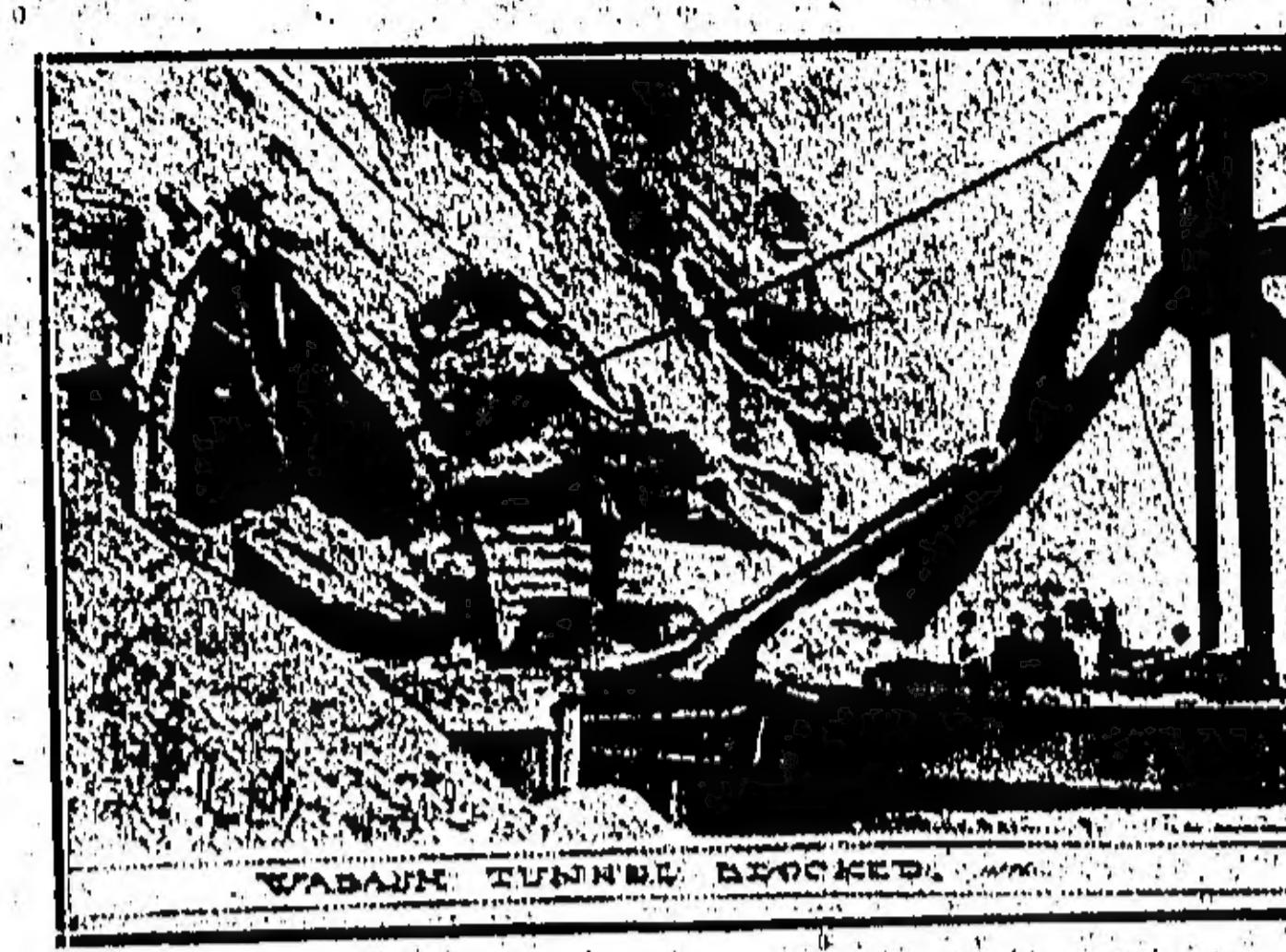
ELMER CARLSON

Pounding the pavement as a guardian of the peace is the role assumed by Elmer Carlson, senior at the University of Wisconsin. Carlson used his wages as a patrolman in Madison, Wis., to pay his way through college.



RUDOLPH VALENTINO

A homely wife who would be the mother of a flock of children, even ten, is the main desire in life of Rudolph Valentino, of screen fame, according to his own words as he departed for Europe, gossip says, to hasten a divorce for Mrs. Valentino.



WABASH TUNNEL BROKEN

Heavy rains sent huge boulders down on the tracks of the Wabash tunnel twisting the steel girders of the bridge out of shape and tying up traffic for several days.



JEANETTE LITTLE DOG

Spurning the use of rouge, Jeanette Little Dog, full-blooded Indian, lost in a beauty contest at the first Indian Congress.



RIZA KHAN PAHLEVI

Riza Khan Pahlevi, who began life as a groom, has been made King of Persia.



FANNY WARD

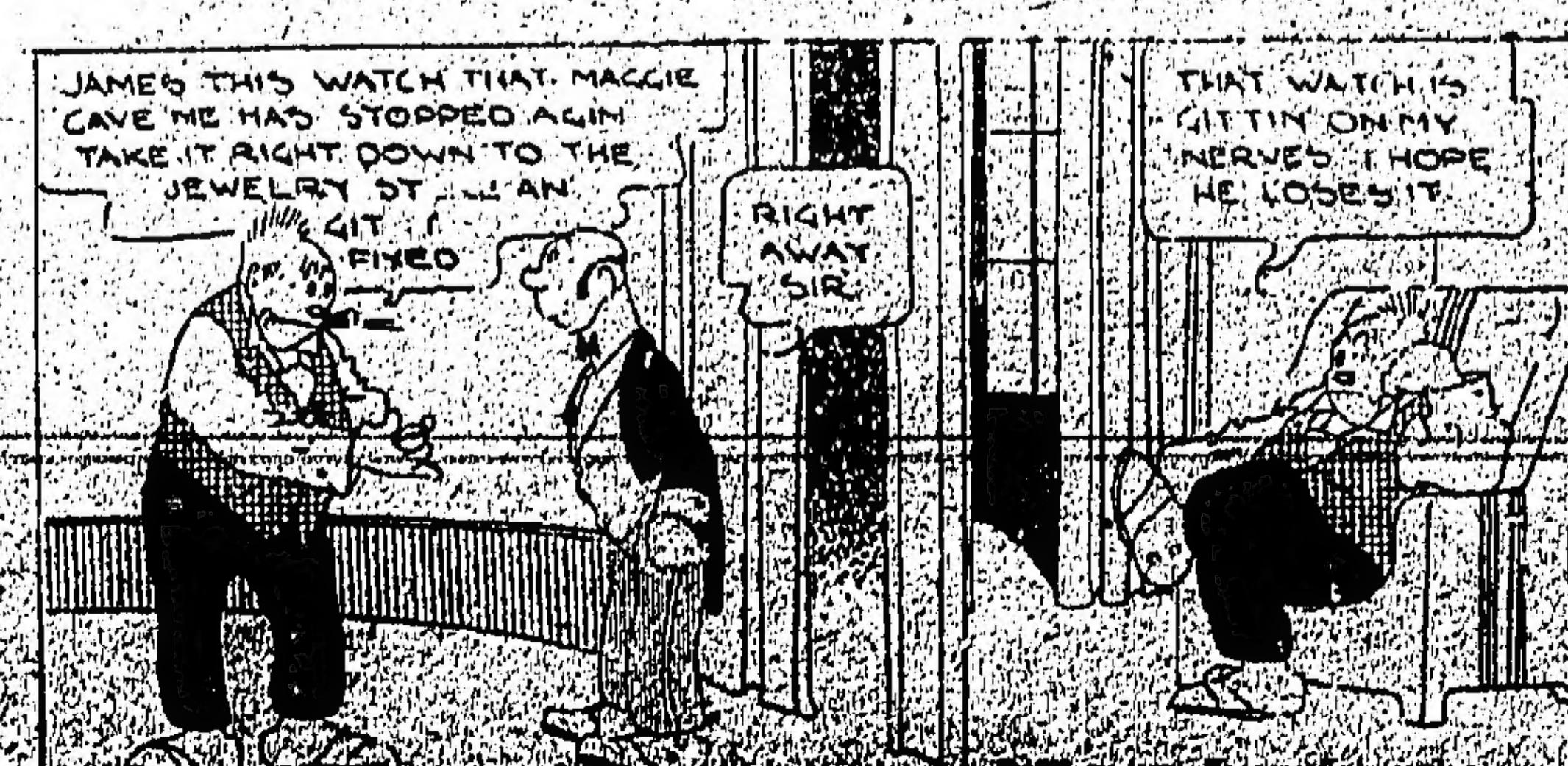
As young in her looks as the youngest flapper, Fanny Ward, of stage and screen fame was adored in the long ago by the granddads of to-day.



HANDS OF MRS. CHAUNCEY OLCO

Chauncey Olcott, the actor, who was supposed to be dying, has recovered completely. He attributes his victory to the many prayers offered for his health and to the deft hands of his wife who cared for him in his illness.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.



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TAKE IT RIGHT DOWN TO THE  
JEWELRY ST. — AN  
GIT  
RIGHT AWAY SIR

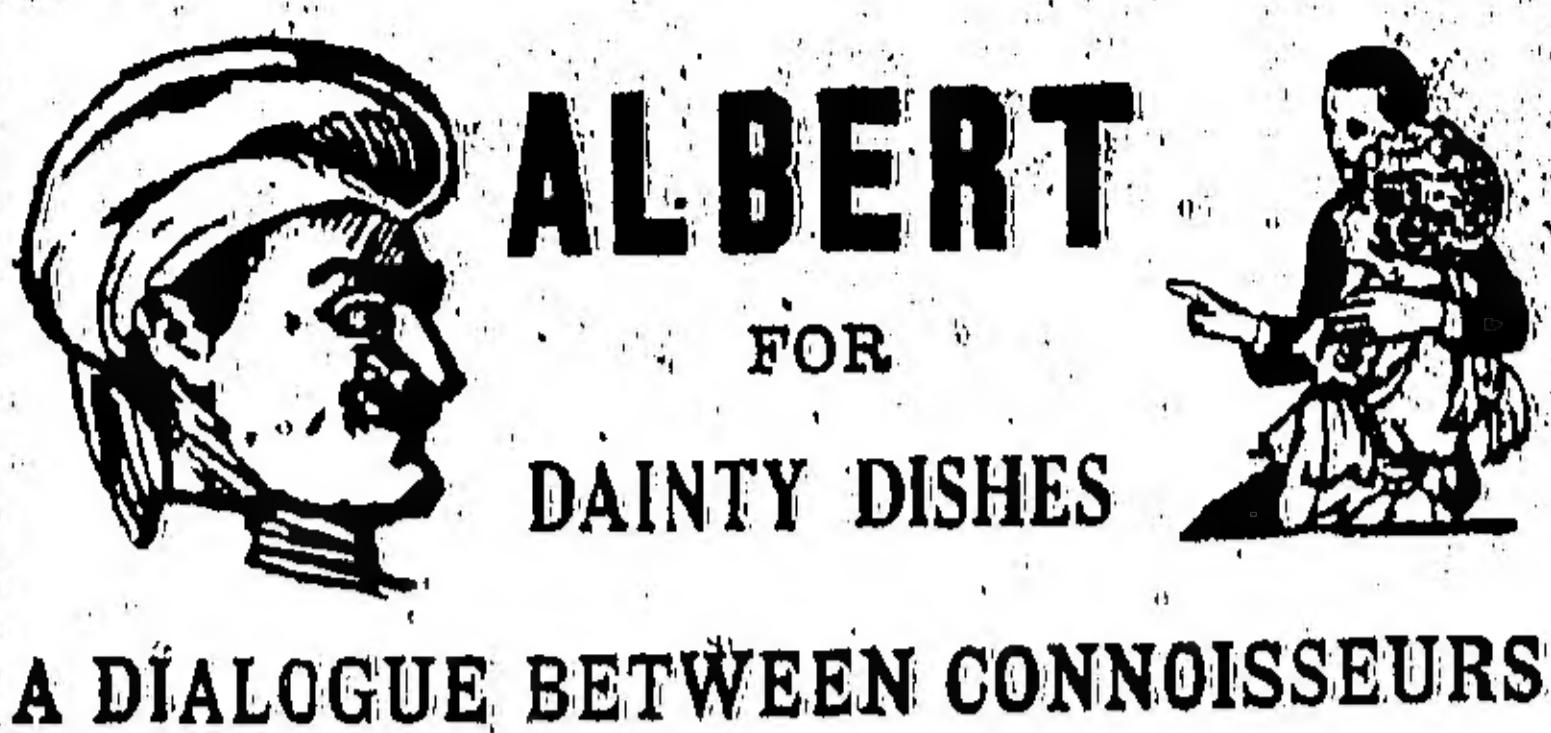
THAT WATCH IS  
GITTIN' ON MY  
NERVES. I HOPE  
HE LOSES IT.

OH SIR I WAS HELD  
UP THE CROOKS  
TOOK ALL MY  
MONEY AND

THE  
WATCH  
TOO?

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## ODDS AND ENDS

## Our Surplus Emotions.

During the periods of emotional tension men, and women always show an increased inclination to listen to music or to dance to it, writes a student of psychology in the "Daily Chronicle." Such increased inclination was obvious during the war. It remains to-day as a sure proof that the process of "settling down" is far from complete. Large numbers of people still feel the need of hitching their emotions to a rhythm. Thus, "dancing craze" succeeds to dancing craze, and every place of substantial public refreshment has a band. Thus, crude rhythms maintain their sway over the public mind. The very first sign of stabilisation, after a period of upheaval, is a certain damming up of the channels by which popular feeling has spent itself. The crude rhythms give place to rhythms of greater complication. In other words, emotional tension having fallen, it is necessary to conserve what remains of feeling rather than to assist in feelings' overflow. Thus, when dancing forsakes the go-as-you-please phase in which it lingers at present, when "steps" begin to matter again, when a spice of formalism becomes agreeable, it will be possible to say that our world has passed the crest of the present emotional wave. There are faint signs—very faint, let it be emphasised—of the beginnings of such a reaction. But, on the other hand, the really strenuous efforts which have been made, during the past two or three seasons, to restore "real dancing" have borne singularly little fruit.

The Goldfish's Fate.

The dismantling of Wembley, and the removal of the Exhibition's livestock to various destinations, raises once again the question so often and so bitterly asked—"When will the goldfish come into its own?" (written "Yorick" in the "Sunday Chronicle"). It would seem that the old controversy must rage anew, for a newspaper states that while the rest of the livestock is being taken away, "the fate of the goldfish in the Wembley ponds has yet to be decided." My friends, when I think of those engaging little creatures left friendless and alone in all that mighty place, I am as one haunted. Think of it—within the next few weeks—thousands of innocent goldfish are to be turned adrift, perhaps destitute, and forced to beg a few coppers for a night's lodgings. Of all pathetic sights known to man, the worst must be that of a goldfish in reduced circumstances. And yet, unless something is done, within a month our casual wards will be

full of goldfish. As one who has always been strongly pro-goldfish, I took occasion some few years ago to make my attitude known to the general public. When the Upper Tooting League of Little Helpers sought to make me a presentation as a token of esteem and regard, I gently but firmly declined the offer of a silver epergne, a pair of gentlemen's hairbrushes (in case), or a substantial Cheque. "Give me," I said, "a glass bowl and 1 goldfish, suitably inscribed." This request was very readily acceded to; and the goldfish remains on my dresser to this day, a cheery companion and a formidable enemy to all unwanted intruders. For a time it seemed that my little gesture would have the effect desired. The demand for goldfish increased considerably, and at Christmas "Give Her Goldfish" was the slogan in every shop window.

At the Dress Show.

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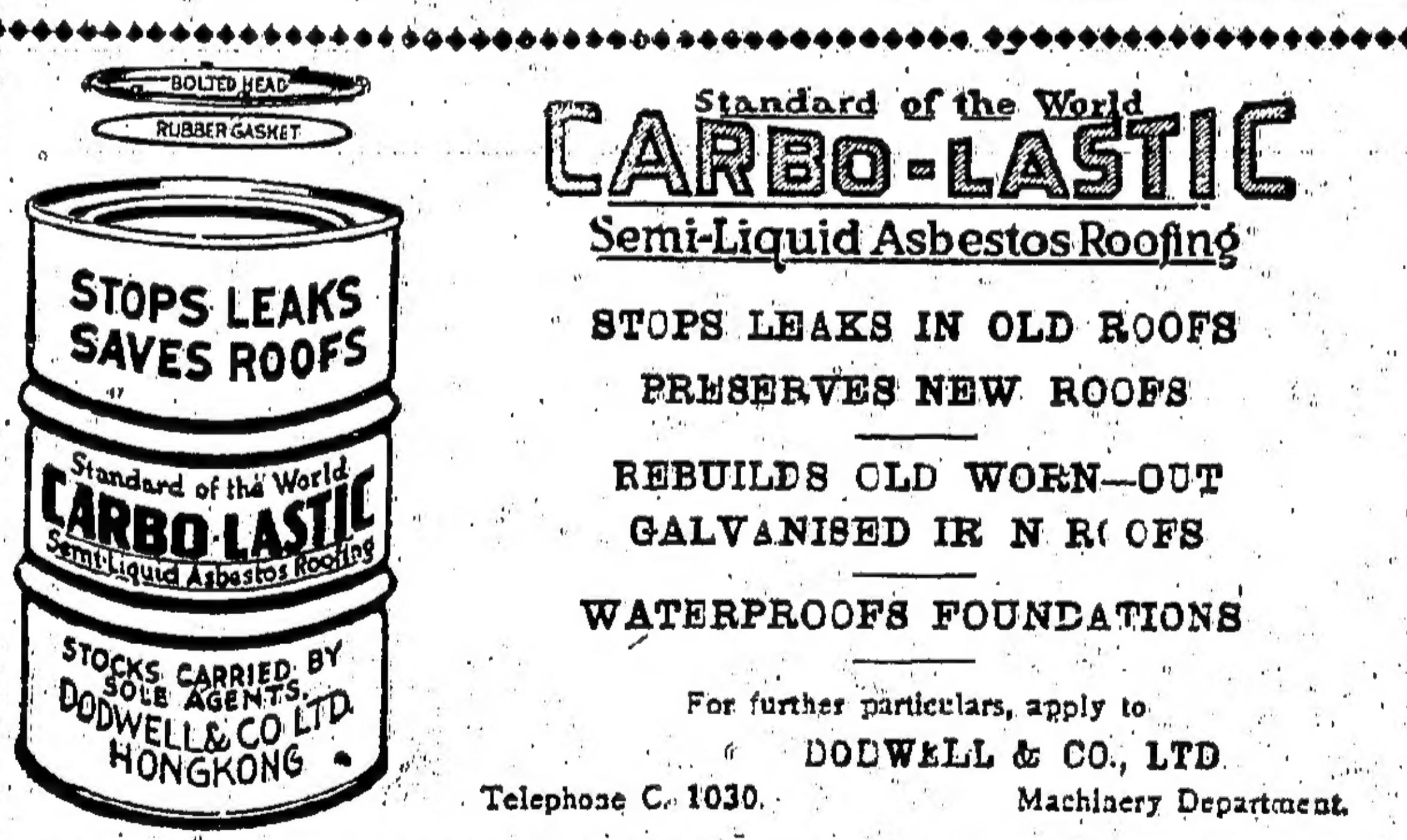
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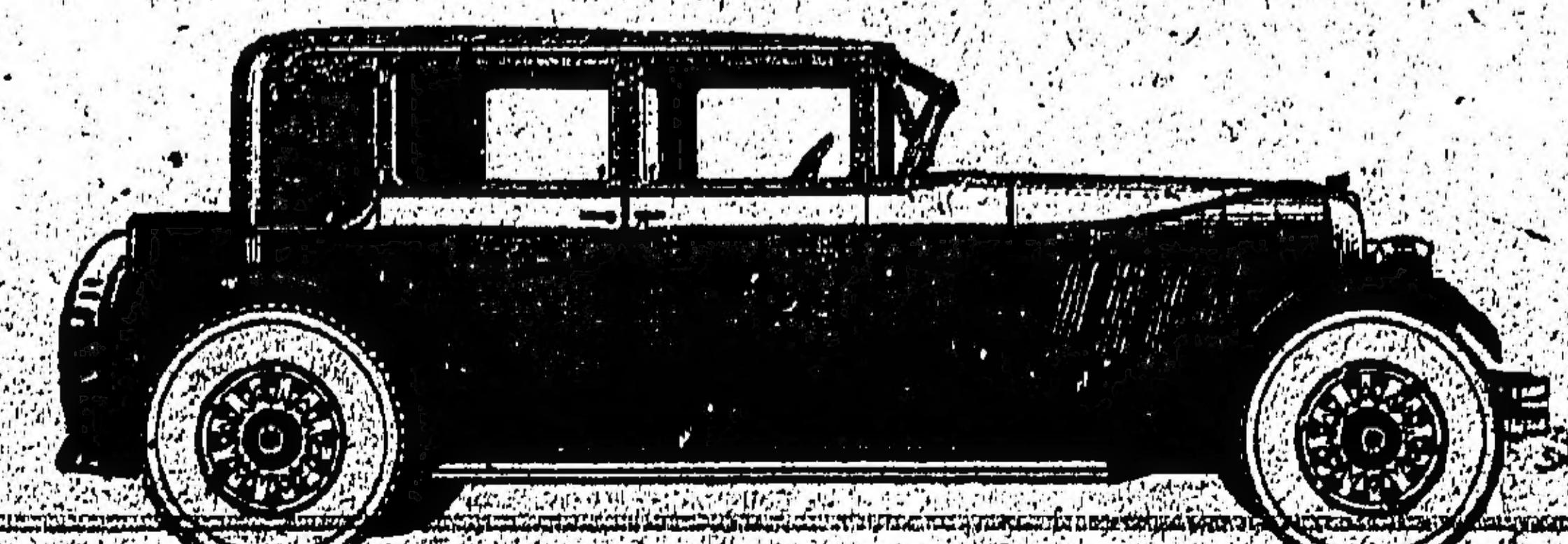
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